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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (By KB8NW)

There will not be a OPDX Bulletin next week. I will be attending the Dayton HamVention. "IF" I receive a major announcement, I may send something out late Sunday/Monday. However, PLEASE continue to send your DX information. You never know what I might do.... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th-May, through Sunday, 14th-May there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J5, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a

"BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2E, SCOTLAND (Satellite Activity)

Paul, 2E1EUB, will be active as 2M1EUB/P from May 27th, for 7 days from the Cairngorms National Park, Royal Deeside, N.E Scotland, UK. Activity will be on all satellites and modes! Even some HF. He will be doing some backpacking in the north (so there may be some QSB), and he will be operating as a base station at times. QSL details are via **(QRZ.com)**.

3D2 & 3D2/R, FIJI AND ROTUMA ISLANDS

Operators Didier/F4ELJ, Andre/F0ELK and Christophe/F0ELI will depart France July 31st and arrive in Fiji (via Seoul, South Korea) on August 2nd. They will depart Fiji on August 4th and arrive on Rotuma (**OC-060**) the same day. The group is expected to be active as 3D2BD between August 5-17th. The frequencies used will be the normal IOTA SSB frequencies. The group will return to Fiji on August 18th and will be active from Suva (**OC-016**) until August 21st. QSL via F4ELJ, direct or by the bureau. Visit their interesting Web page for more details at:

http://3d2bd.free.fr

3rd EUROPEAN PSK DX CONTEST

The Scottish-Russian ARS has the honor of inviting the radio amateurs all over the world to participate in the 3rd annual European PSK DX Contest (1200z 20.05.2006 - 1200z 21.05.2006). The objective of the contest is to establish as many contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in Europe by using the BPSK31 mode. Everybody can work everybody for QSO and multiplier credit. More information is available at:

http://www.eu.srars.org

3Y0X DVD/QSL NEWS

A press release sent out last week by Bob/K4UEE and Ralph/K0IR announced that the "first batch of the 3Y0X Souvenir QSL cards are in the mail. Thanks to the Herculean efforts of Bob, N2OO, and dedicated members of the SJDXA, 115 pounds of mail was sent out on Monday, May 8th. The actual design layout was begun prior to departing for Peter I. Our team photographer was given a "shot list" and charged with getting just the right pictures for the QSL. While on the ship returning from Peter I, the pictures were E-mailed back to the QSL designer and the design finalized. This is not your ordinary card, and we are sure it will be considered one of your most prized QSLs. Souvenir cards were mailed to about 2/3 of the individuals who contributed to the DXpedition expenses AND whose cards were received through the beginning of April. Over the next two weeks, the remainder of this group of cards will be processed. After Dayton, the QSL team will resume processing the rest of the contributor cards as well as the non-contributor cards. Bureau cards will be processed at an appropriate time in the future.

Please watch the website **(www.peterone.com)** for further announcements as to progress on the QSLing. Bob, N2OO, has asked that everyone please be patient. Please do not E-mail to Bob at this time. When the cards are all processed, he will then gladly assist with any QSL issues. We hope you enjoy this last part of the 3Y0X DX-perience!" 73, Ralph, K0IR Bob, K4UEE

The Peter I Island DVD is now in post-production and won't be ready until late summer/early fall. However, you can pre-order your Peter I Island "3Y0X DX-perience" DVD early and receive a discount on it. To place an order visit the following Web page at:

http://www.peterone.com/dvd/index.htm

6W, SENEGAL (African Trip)

Tibi, HA7TM, and his wife are now in Dakar. Tibi was heard this past weekend on 17 and 12 meters CW signing 6W/HA7TM. The length of his stay is not certain. They were to meet up with Peter, HA3AUI (J5UAP) and stay with him and for about a week. Then they were going tp drive to Gambia (C5) and to Bissau Guinea (J5). Tibi may be active as C5/HA7TM and J5TM (or possibly J5TIB) from those locations. Tibi's equipment is an IC-706, a 4 band vertical from DunaX, and a few dipoles. He wants to work on all HF bands including the WARC bands on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK as well. QSL via the HA Bureau or direct via his QRZ.com address.

9A, CROATIA

Zrinko (Zik), VE3ZIK (also 4N1DX, DO1SKY) is once again active from Bilice as 9A/VE3ZIK between now and May 22nd. Activity will on all HF bands, CW and SSB, with only 100 watts. Also, he will try to be active on PSK31, RTTY and 10m FM. QSL via DL3PS ONLY, DARC Bureau is OK. Please, don't send QSL cards via the VE3 Bureau (no e-qsl & LoTW). ADDED NOTE: Zik mentions that "ALL" QSL card requests for 9A/VE3ZIK, T9/VE3ZIK, VE3ZIK, XM3ZIK and 4N1DX, sent either direct or via the bureau, were answered before his trip. Visit his WEB page at:

http://www.qslnet.de/ve3zik

AH8, AMERICAN SAMOA

Just a reminder to look for Dr. Gavin, W9EYE, who plans to be active as AH8/W9EYE from here May 15-21st. Activity will be limited during his spare-time while working as a medical missionary in Pago Pago, Tutuila Island (OC-045). Look for him to be active on all HF bands SSB (no CW) as propagation allows. QSL via his home callsign with SASE or via the W9 Bureau.

BS7H VIDEO ON THE WEB

John, K1ER, announced this past week that Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK, has updated his Web site with a video of the last DXpedition to Scarborough Reef (1997). To view it, please visit the following URL address:

http://www.iijnet.or.jp/JA1BK/

C6, BAHAMAS

Duncan, EA5ON, will once again be active as GM7CXM/C6A from Freeport, Bahamas (NA-080), from May 25-29th. Operating details have yet to be finalized. QSL via EA7JX.

CT3, MADEIRA ISLAND

Look for Karl, OE3JAG, to be active as CT3/OE3JAG from Madeira Island (AF-014, MA-001 for the Portuguese Islands Award, Grid Loc. IM12, WLOTA LH-0053), May 15-22nd. Activity will be mainly QRP on 30 and 20 meters CW, PSK and RTTY, using a dipole or long-wire

antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

CWJF MANCHESTER MINEIRA ALL AMERICA CONTEST

Ed, PY4WAS, President of CWJF, wants to remind everyone that this year's contest will be held May 20-21st. The Juiz de Fora CW Group (CWJF) organizes the event in commemoration of Juiz de Fora City's birthday and promotes the reconciliation between the ham radio operators of South and North America. For more details and rules for the contest, please visit the CWJF Web site at:

http://www.powerline.com.br/cwjf

DAYTON HAMVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

DX HOSPITALITY SUITE. The Northern Ohio DX Association (along with Janeen Hire, W8ZET) will once again sponsor a Hospitality Suite at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (Look for signs!). All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be avaialble. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

DX FORUM (and Dinner Banquet) - Jay, K4ZLE, informs OPDX that the final agenda for the DX forum for HamVention (r) is as follows:

> 11:00 - 11:35 - Desecheo Island (KP5) Project 2006: Presented by Kamal Sirageldin, N3KS, and David Collingham, K3LP
> 11:40 - 12:15 - Kure Island (K7C) 2005: Presented by John Kennon, N7CQQ
> 12:20 - 12:55 - The 3Y0X DXperience: Presented by Don DuBon, N6JRL with an introduction by Robert Allphin, K4UEE
> 1:00 - 1:35 - Sable Island (CY0AA): Presented by Joseph Pater, W8GEX, Wayne McKenzie, K8LEE, and Phil Florig, W9IXX
> 1:40 - 2:00 - Andaman Islands, 2006: Presented by Bernie McClenny, W3UR

ADDED NOTE: Jay also informs that the DX dinner held during HamVention weekend is sold out. He states, "We normally have last minute cancellations, and although we have a NO REFUND policy, as a courtesy, we attempt to sell previously sold tickets for those who have to cancel. If you are interested in attending, please E-mail Jay, K4ZLE, to check on availability prior to sending a check." Jay's E-mail address is:

k4zle yahoo com

Thank you for your support. You may check out details on the dinner and the DX forum at:

http://www.swodxa.com

RTTY FORUM - Shelby, K4WW, informs OPDX that the Dayton Hamvention 2006 RTTY forum will be held from 10:00-11:30 AM Sunday, May 21st, at Hara Arena, Room 5. He states, "No need to choose which forum to attend, as there are no other "conflicting" Contesting/DX forums scheduled, at this time! This is your chance to learn, from some of the best, everything you always wanted to know, and were afraid to ask, about RTTY contesting! Charlie, KI5XP, will have a presentation about his operations from W5WMU superstation. Ed, W0YK, will present, and explain his ability to average 100+ per hour, as P49X, during the 2006 RTTY Roundup. Both these present- ations, will be 30 +/- minutes, in length, leaving some time for a Q/A session. Mike/K4GMH, Tom/WX4TM and Ed/W0YK will be available for the Q/A

session."

CW PILEUP CONTEST - Mike Crabtree, AB0X, Treasurer of the Kansas City DX Club, advises that the famous CW Pileup Contest, will be conducted this year at the club's Dayton Hamvention Hospitality Suite, on Saturday, May 20th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio, from 7:00 pm to Midnight. Participants this year are advised that Icom America will be donating a major prize, the new IC-7000 HF Transceiver, to the winner of the event. Several other very nice prizes have been donated by Associated Radio, QRZ DX, and Lance Johnson Engineering. Additional background on the Kansas City DX Club's CW Pileup Contest can be found at the club's Web site at:

http://www.qsl.net/kcdxc/

Dave Patton, NN1N, ARRL Field & Educational Services Manager, states, "DXers working on **JARL awards** take note as JA1DM, Masa Ebisawa, will be present at Dayton in the JARL booth (#483). The JARL will be checking the following awards: ADXA, ADXA-HALF, AJD, JCCs, JCG, WAJA, WASA, Satellite-FUJI and other JARL awards. Ebisawa-san will also be able to answer questions on JARL activities as well as reciprocal licensing in Japan. For rules and more information see:

http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-2_Awards/Award_Main.htm
Also, Masa is a DXCC card checker. Masa was elected to the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 2005."

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, informs OPDX that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:
YI9LZ - Iraq; Current operation effective May 8, 2005

FM, MARTINIQUE

Jacky, F5OIU, will be active as FM/F5OIU from Martinique Island (**NA-107**) for a holiday between May 13th and July 1st. Activity will be mainly on CW, but also on the digital modes and SSB. He will use an IC-706 w/100 watts with FD3 and an R5. QSL via his home callsigns, Bureau preferred.

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLAND

Gildas, TU5KG/FT5XP, is expected to be at Port aux Francais between May 15-17th. It is recommend to listen on the bands and watch clusters for QSNs. No other details were provided. Jean-Michel, F6AJA, provides a picture gallery about Kerguelen at:

http://ile.kerguelen.free.fr/pafmin.htm

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Antonio, IW2OAZ, will be as HI8/IW2OAZ from May 18-30th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters (modes not mentioned). On May 20th, he will be activating Catalina Island for 24 hours, IOTA reference **NA-122**.

HS, THAILAND (News)

Charles, K4VUD/HS0ZCW, reports that there are changes in the works for Thai amateurs. He

states, "Please stand by for the official announcement that may come in a month or two from RAST (the national club). Actual implimentation date is yet to be announced." Proposed changes that were mentioned are as follows and is good news for HS operators:

1. Opening low end of 80 meters for all HF HS stations all the time, and not just during some contests.... something like 3.5 to 3.540.... definitely for CW (maybe also voice).

2. Increase in output power limits for top grade HS ops above the current 200 watt limit.

3. Approval for all top grade HS ops to use all of the current 3 WARC bands at any time.

4. There is also the implication of conforming with existing sub-band band plans.

IOTA NEWS

AS-080. Han, DS2GOO, will be active as DS2GOO/3 from **Nok Island (Nok Do)** (WLOTA LH-0754), May 18-21st. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via his home callsign, by the bureau or direct. Visit his Web page at:

http://myhome.naver.com/dxer2han/LH_0754

EU-113. Operators SV1HER, SV1GRM and SW1GZL plan to activate two island and lighthouses from this IOTA group using the special callsign SY8V. Look for them to activate **Kythira (Gerico) Island** (MIA: MG-062) between May 26-28th. They will be on the north edge of Kythira Island, operating from MOUDARI/SPATHI Lighthouse (WLOTA: L-1703, ARLHS: GRE-120, WLH: SV-084). They will then move on to **Antikythira Island** (MIA: MG-014) and be active between June 2-3rd. They will operate from the south edge of Antikythira Island from the APOLYTARES Lighthouse (WLOTA: L-0298, ARLHS: GRE-040, WLH: SV-011). QSL Manager for both DXpeditions is SV1HER.

EU-171. Tom, DL7UZO, will be active as OZ/DL7UZO from the **Jylland North Group** between now May 20th. Activity will be CW, SSB, PSK31, RTTY and WSJT on 80-10 meters, including the WARC bands, 50 MHz and 144 MHz. Skeds are possible via E-mail **(dl7uzo@gmx.de)**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.M

NA-019. Fred/AI3Z and Joanne/N3YYT will be active as AI3Z/KL7 from **Kodiak Island** (USI AK-004S, WLOTA LH-0623, 3rd South Central District), Alaska, from May 15-20th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters, with 100 watts, hamsticks/dipole for 5-15/17 meters, as weather permits. They will try to check-in on the AK Bush Net, then QSY to 7.085 MHz SSB and 50.125 / 50.135 MHz. QSL via AI3Z.

NA-027/
NA-198. Look for operators Linda/VE9GLF and Len/VE9MY to be active from **Newfoundland Island** (**NA-027**, CIsA NF-001) and **Newfoundland's Coastal Islands** (**NA-198**) starting on May 16th for about 2 weeks. This is a work trip, so their HF operations will be as time permits, evenings and weekends. Operation will be either mobile or portable with 100 watts, the Outbacker for mobile, or the R4 vertical and dipole for portable operations. QSL to home calls, bureau or direct **(QRZ.com)**.

NA-067. Herb, WA2PIP, will be active as WA2PIP/4 from **Hatteras Island** (USI NC-005S, Dare County) and Ocracoke Island (USI NC-001S, WLOTA LH-0466, Hyde County), North Carolina, May 20-26th. His activity will be on 20/17/15 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

JW, SVALBARD

Roger, LA4GHA, currently active as JW4GHA from Bear Island (**EU-027**), has extended his stay until July (He was supposed to go QRT in June). During his last month there he will focus on 6 meters. Listen to 50.110 MHz CW/SSB. If he is not on 6 meters, watch for activity on 160-2 meters on CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, LA4GHA, by the bureau or direct to: Roger Bjoergvik, The Registry, Court of BiH, Kraljice Jelene 88, 71 000 Sarajevo, BiH.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY

Chris, G1VDP, informs OPDX that he will be operating from the **Pendean Lighthouse** (ENG-101, Locator IO70ed) in Cornwall, England, Wednesday, May 31st. During his portable operation, Chris will be using a FT897 into an ATAS 120 antenna with 100W output on 40/20 meters and 10 meters if the band opens. He may also try some PSK31 on 40 meters, if the conditions will allow, and his Laptop stands up to it! Suggested frquencies are: 40m (7064 kHz +/- QRM), 20m (14265 kHz +/- QRM) and 10m (28475 kHz +/- QRM). A special QSL card will be available following the operation and will be sent via the bureau (direct QSLs are to include SAE and return postage costs using the **(QRZ.com)** address).

P40, ARUBA

John, W2GD, will be active as P40W during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via N2MM. Activity prior to contest will be on the WARC bands and 160m.

PI25, THE NETHERLANDS (Special Event)

During the month of May, the VERON Department, A54, "Etten-Leur" will be celebrating its 25th jubilee year. The club station, PI4ETL, will be using the special callsign PI25ETL between June 24th and July 9th. Club members will be active with this special callsign on various HF and VHF bands during this period and PI25ETL will participate in the IARU HF Championships (July 8-9th) as a Multi-Single entry. A special "Worked A54 Award" will become available for working PI4ETL or PI25ETL during the months of May, June and July. Details can be obtained from PA0ATG at: **pa0atg@amsat.org**

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL **AK5Q/6Y5** to: Mickey A. Driver, 7010 Lawler Ridge, Houston, Texas 77055. Mickey was operating from Ocho Rios, Jamaica, this past weekend. He was trying to work all 50 states.

QSL STATUS OF BY4RSA/4. To see if your QSL arrived OK at BA4TB, visit the following Web page at: **http://spaces.msn.com/ba4tb** Activity was from Tianheng Island (**AS-150**) near Qingdao city in Shandong Province. Online log is available at: **http://dx.qsl.net/logs**

QSL STATUS OF FO/DL5XU AND FO/DL1AWI/9AWI. Peter, DL3APO, informs OPDX that he just received the QSL cards from the printer and began to answer direct requests. You can check the log and your QSL status from all incoming direct cards here:

http://www.df3cb.com/logsearch/cgcg/logsearch.php
There you will also find a list of received requests and sample of the QSL cards.

QSL **ED8OTA** via IZ7FLP. Operators were Simone/IZ0BTV, Gianni/IZ7FLP, Alfredo/EC8ADS, Peter/EC8ADW and Eduardo/EC8AUA. Activity was last week from four different rocks in the Gran Canaria, Canary Islands (AF-004) group. For more details, see the ED8OTA Web site at:

http://www.strangeradioteam.com/ed8ota

Jean Michel, F6AJA, reports that you can find the log online for **JW/F8DVD** for his activity between March 24 to 31 on their Web site at:

http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr (follow 'logs en ligne')

Online logs for the **PY0F/CT1BWW** Fernando de Noronha Island DXpedition are now available at:

http://www.qsl.net/s92bww/QSL.htm

QSL **R50CQM** via UA3DX, by the Bureau or direct. Operators were RK0AXX and UA0AZA during CQ-M Contest. Activity was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the CQ-M Contest.

Steve, KU9C, suggests the following when sending for QSLs for the recent **YX0A/YX0LIX** DXpedition:

> 1) Please DO NOT include QSLs for other stations he manages with your YX0A/YX0LIX QSLs; this will substantially delay your QSL return.
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> 2) Please address your envelope COMPLETELY, including your COUNTRY if not in the USA.
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> 3) Please, if you send him more than one stamp for your SASE as a donation, affix one of the stamps to your envelope, in the event that the other stamps are lost in the shuffle.

Steve states, "I'll be posting the logs, with the team's permission, on LoTW. I anticipate this will be not in the near future, but it will happen if you're in no hurry for the QSL. I'll be doing bureau QSLs, but I tend to do bureau cards on an annual basis. It will be several months before I start that process; I get my QSL cards in LARGE boxes, so a bureau card will not come to me for some time." ADDED NOTE: The YX0A/YX0LIX logs are now available online at:
http://www.qsl.net/gdxc/Logs/logbook.htm

RUSSIA NEWS

It has been reported that some changes have taken place for Russian amateurs (as of "a couple of weeks ago"). Russian amateurs can now run a KW and also operate up to 7.200 MHz, with the government there providing these new operating factors. This news is only true for the former Soviet state we now call Russia, and not necessarily the other former Soviet states.

SPECIAL EVENT

Look for special event station SN16B to be active between May 15-31st. Activity is to celebrate the first visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Poland. Activity will be on CW/SSB with operations on 80-10 meters. Also look for 6 and 2 meters activity. QSL via SP9PKZ (bureau) or direct.

SPECIAL EVENT

Look for special event station YL775TALSI to be active until July 2nd. Activity is to commemorate the anniversary of Talsi Town in Latvia. Send QSL card to either the YL Bureau or to YL2CF.

T40, CUBA

Operators Willy/CO2UG, Yulian/CM6YI and Winston/CO2WF will be active as T40C during the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as Multi-Single/ High-Power entry. They will use a G5RV antenna, and a FL-2100 Linear Amplifier from the east side of Habana, at the beach. QSL via N1KI.

T9, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Zrinko (Zik), VE3ZIK (also 4N1DX, DO1SKY), will once again be active as T9/VE3ZIK from Ljeb between May 27-30th. Activity will include the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th). Look for him mostly on 40/80 meters. QSL via DL3PS ONLY, DARC Bureau is OK. Please, don't send QSL cards via the VE3 Bureau (also, no e-qsl & LoTW).

TK, CORSICA

Vasek, DL4FF, will be active again as TK/DL4FF from Corsica (**EU-014**) from May 15th to June 9th. He will operate on 160-10 meters CW and SSB and will be active during the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

TO0, MARTINIQUE

Tom, KCØW, will be active as TO0O from June 6-24th. Activity will be on all HF bands CW/SSB. QSL ONLY DIRECT via KCØW. NO BUREAU QSLS.

V3, BELIZE

Art, N3DXX, will be active as V31RM during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL route was not mentioned.

V47, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

Reiner, DL2AAZ, plans to be active as V47/DL2AAZ from the Island of Nevis (**NA-104**), July 20th to August 10th. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters SSB and CW, with 100 watts, dipole and groundplane antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

V5, NAMIBIA (African Trip)

Nick, G3RWF, will be active as V5/G3RWF starting September 14th for 3 weeks. From Namibia he will travel to South Africa (ZS) for another 3 weeks (possibly including 4-5 days in Lesotho - 7P). He hopes to work more RSARS members from V5 than last time (i.e. total of more than zero!). Nick will be /p from the very north - a few days first near Victoria Falls (Zambia and Botswana and therefore not QRV!). He will then drive west right along the Angolan border and then loop south to Windhoek and thereafter to South Africa (worked 30+

members last time). QSL via his home callsign.

VI9, NORFOLK ISLAND (Pitcairner landing celebrations by Jim Smith, VK9NS)

> "Although I have lived on Norfolk for almost 26 years and Kirsti many more years neither of us are Norfolk Islanders!! June of this year marks the 150th Anniversary of the landing of the people of Pitcairn Island, the decendants of the Bounty Mutineers, on Norfolk Island.
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> The discovery of Pitcairn Island with its 'lost' population is a whole saga in itself. The subsequent movement of this population was sanctioned by Queen Victoria. The Britsh government then arranged their transport to, and settlement on, the vacant possession of Norfolk Island.
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> (Some Pitcairners subsequently wished to return 'home' to Pitcairn. This was allowed and carried out on a one off and final basis. Hence the current Christian and Young, etc., families resident on Pitcairn Island.)
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> The celebration of this unique migration is special to the Norfolk Islanders (those of Pitcairn descent) and there are many things being planned. It will be an very interesting period.
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> To help celebrate the event the HIDXA Club has been issued with the special callsigns of VI9NL and VI9NS for the whole month of June covering the period of the celebrations. Kirsti, VK9NL, and myself, VK9NS, will use these special callsigns and will both try to be as active as possible during the period.
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> For the record, the HIDXA Club was created some 23 years ago after the return from Heard Island, and is registered on Norfolk Island...."

73 Jim, VK9NS

VI9, NORFOLK ISLAND

Bill, VK4FW, informs OPDX that all equipment has now been sent to Norfolk Island in readiness for their arrival of the team on May 24th. The team consists of: Ron/VE7NS, Gary/ZL2IFB, Phil/VK2BAA, Eddie/ VK4AN, Merve/VK4DV, John/VK5PO and Bill/VK4FW. Bill states, "We have been very fortunate to have the use of our special callsign VI9NI. This has been issued to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the landing of the "HMS Bounty Mutineers." Suggested operating frequencies are:

> **CW** - 1822, 3523, 7023, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023 and 50125
> **SSB** - 1822, 3785, 7093, 14195, 18140, 21295, 24940, 28475 and 50125
> **RTTY** - 10103, 14084, 21084 and 28084 kHz

Bill informs that they will make use of the N1MM logging program which will enable them to keep an eye on all grey line propagation. QSL via VK4FW, by the VK4 QSL Bureau or direct to: PO Box 612, Childers, 4660, Australia (w/ a with minimum of 2 USDs). The team would like to sincerely thank the following for their support: TET EMTRON, CAL-AV LABS,

DANISH DX GROUP, VK3AJJ, VK4AN, VK4CY, VK4NEF, VK6NKG, VK4FW and the members of ODXG. As a reminder, the team is still in need of some donations to help offset the huge costs of freighting in the equipment. Further information can be found at:

http://odxg.org/expedition.html

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS (Updates/News/QSL Corrections)

More information was announced this past week about the two new YL operators on VU4-land. These two YLs hold valid India licenses and have permission to transmit from VU4. Operators are Ms. Suraj Moli, VU3VPX, and Ms. Lizzie Dcruz, VU3VPY. No one knows why they got VU3 callsigns instead of VU4 callsigns, but they are legit. Frank, DL4KQ/VU3FRK, who recently returned (May 6th) from Port Blair, stated that "Ms. Molly, VU3VPX, and and Mrs. Lizzy, VU3VPY," are legit VU4 licenses since September of last year. However, the YLs didn't own any equipment beside an old funny straight key. He (Frank) mentioned Doug, N6TQS, immediately decided to donate his SIGMA5 antenna and Frank dropped of his own Elecraft K2/100 with seperate KAT100 antenna tuner, a power supply and a Heil headset. Thanks to Frank, their station is now set up and the YLs can now be active on 20-10 meters (SIGMA5) and on 40 meters with a dipole. (Unfortunately, the noise level at the College is extremely high and Frank recommended to them to look for a better place/building.)

Bernie, W3UR, Editor of The Daily, also reported this past week that his group (that was at VU4) was was invited to the "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Govt. Polytechnic School". They met with the Principal Shri, Utpal Sharma and several other potential hams. In fact a Amateur Radio class will be starting up very soon with 30 students, including the Principal, teachers and students of the school. A radio was promised to the club by an anonymous donor. In fact the rig is currently in Bangkok. An antenna is also being worked on plus other accessories for the club station. Complete details will be released to the DX community soon, maybe even at Dayton.

PLEASE NOTE: The following are corrections/revisied updates to OPDX.758 under "VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS (Updates/News)" in the collected QSL routes. The following should read:

QSL VU4AN/VU3KIE via OH2BN. Operator Jorma, OH2KI. Online log available at: **http://koti.welho.com/tlinden2/logsearch/vu4logs.html**
QSL VU4AN/VU3OHB via OH2BN. Operator Martti, OH2BH. Online log available at: **http://koti.welho.com/tlinden2/logsearch/vu4logs.html**
QSL VU4AN/VU3PLM via IK1PMR. Operator YL Claudia, K2LEO. Online log available at: **http://www.ik1pmr.com/logs/**
QSL VU4AN/VU3RWO via N3ST. Operator David, K3LP. Online log available at:**http://www.dx-pedition.de/andaman2006/logs.html**
QSL VU4AN/VU3TLY via IK1PMR. Operator Andrea, IK1PMR. Online log available at: **http://www.ik1pmr.com/logs/**

There has been some confusion on the QSL routes. Martti, OH2BH, informed OPDX that OH2BN is the QSL Manager (not OH2BH) for all three stations: VU4AN/VU3KIE, VU4AN/VU3OHA and VU4AN/VU3OHB. Also, John, K1XN, of the GoList, advises that he received a note from David, K3LP, the operator of VU4AN/VU3RWO, and he assures John that N3ST is the ONLY QSL Manager for VU4AN/VU3RWO. As far as stations VU4AN/VU3PLM and VU4AN/VU3TLY, operator Andrea/IK1PMR (alias VU3TLY) announced on one of the

DX mailing list that you can send QSLs direct to him for both VU3TLY and VU3PLM. He states, "We're discussing about appointing F5CWU as a group manager, but still it's not clear to me if all team members will agree." OPDX hopes that we were able to clear up some of the QSL confusion.

YO, ROMANIA

Jean Michel, F6AJA, French DX Editor of the Les Nouvelles DX, will once again be active as YO/F6AJA from May 22-28th from YO8FZ's station during my free time.

ZP0, PARAGUAY

Tomas, ZP5AZL, is planning to be active as ZP0R in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W3HNK. Meanwhile, Jorge, CX6VM, will be active as ZP0R in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Also, QSL via W3HNK.

ZW2, BRAZIL (Update/Correction)

Look for ZW2FEN (not ZW4FEN as first reported) to be active during the "FIRST FAIR OF RADIOAMADORISMO OF BRAZIL" (FENARCOM), July 14-16th. Activity will be on all modes and bands. QSL via PY2QI. More information via: **erwin@fenarcom.com.br** The Fenarcom Web site (in Portuguese) is at:

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